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Every newspaper will comply strictly with this order, first, because it is a patriotic duty; second, because it must.

Under the new postal rates the sending of personal notices to each subscriber is very expensive. The label on your paper tells to what date you are paid. To further remind you, all subscribers whose subscriptions are not paid in advance to October 1, 1918, or later, will find a blue pencil mark in the square at the head of this article which means that subscriptions must be paid at once or your paper will be stopped.

The price of The Record is invariably \$1.50 a year, 75c for six months, 50 cents for three months. You can tell how much you owe by remembering that this is 12½ cents a month by the year.

Of course The Record wants all its subscribers to stay. Most of you have been with us a good many years and we feel confident that you will be as loyal to The Record under these new requirements of the government as we all are to the government under the conditions which the war has forced upon us.

JACKIE BAND COMING HERE

Forty-One Piece Band Will Be at Alma, Ithaca and St. Louis for Liberty Loan.

CHICK IS THE CHAIRMAN

Alma Merchant is Making Arrangements for Big Time in County When the Jackies Come.

James W. Robinson, Gratiot county Liberty Loan chairman, has received word that the famous Jackie band of the Great Lakes training station will be in Gratiot county on Tuesday, October 1, to aid in boosting for the Fourth Liberty Loan, and arrangements are being made for a big time in Alma, St. Louis and Ithaca, the three places which will be visited by the band during its stay in the county.

According to information which Mr. Robinson has received, the Jackie band which is to visit these three places, consists of forty-one members including the speakers who accompany the band.

The Jackies will arrive in Alma on the 7:13 train from the north on the Ann Arbor and will leave at 1:47 p. m. on the Pere Marquette for Greenville. John C. Chick of Alma has been appointed by Chairman Robinson, to take charge of the arrangements for the day, and it is expected that in another week the details of the meetings which will be held in Ithaca, St. Louis and Alma will be announced. As the Jackies will only be in the county for a half day, the meetings in the three places will necessarily be rather short.

Good speakers are promised for the meetings in all three places, and it is very probable that the State Troops of Ithaca and Alma will be asked to turn out and aid in making the day one long to be remembered. John C. Chick has been appointed by Mr. Robinson as the chairman of the committee on speakers, and Homer M. Dunham as chairman of the publicity committee for the county.

The various county committees for the Liberty Loan and the chairman of the cities and townships for the Fourth Liberty Loan will be announced next week, it is expected.

The quota of the county for the Fourth Liberty Loan has not yet been announced but it is known that it will be considerably larger than the quota for the third loan and it will mean that every shoulder will be needed at the wheel to put the loan over in Gratiot county.

Advertise in the Record.

WE THANK YOU

We wish to thank the many subscribers of The Alma Record who have called at the office and paid their subscriptions since the last issue. There are many more that we are in hopes to see before October 1, who will aid us in completing with the order of the United States Government War Board. We wish again to call attention to the fact that those whose papers were marked with a blue cross are in arrears and are required to pay up before October 1. Otherwise, The Record must enforce the government order and discontinue such subscriptions as are not paid in advance. C. F. Brown, Editor.

MANY AUTOMOBILES WERE OUT SUNDAY

Numbers Taken and are on File at City Hall—May List the Violators in Papers.

It had been thought that Sunday would see a remarkable decrease in the number of automobiles which were driven around the city, but the number was almost as great as that of the previous Sunday, the first under the gasless rule.

The members of Company 87, Michigan State troops were taken out Sunday being stationed at various points watching for the motorists, and the number of all machines were taken by them, and it reached a starting total during the course of the day. Three hundred and fifty odd machines were seen during the course of the day, and the numbers taken by the troops.

It is claimed that taking out the cars used by the doctors and taking out the numbers which have been duplicated in the lists, or appeared even three times, would indicate that about one hundred and fifty machines were out Sunday which should have been kept in the garages. About one-third of these, it is claimed, were Alma owned automobiles.

The violating of the request of the fuel administration was not confined to any one class of people Sunday. It had been expected that cars of some working people who have only Sunday as leisure time, would be those most in evidence. Cars of many of those who are well to do, however, were included among those which were in use Sunday in violation of the governmental request.

It is very probable that another week will see a request that the newspapers of the various communities publish the names of those who fail to obey the order of the fuel administration, which is seeking to conserve gas for the needs of the armies in France, and if such a request is made of the newspapers, The Alma Record will be one of those which will gladly avail itself of the opportunity to list such slackers.

BIG ATTENDANCE IS LOOKED FOR

Alma College Certain to Have Largest Attendance in History This Year.

TRAINING CORPS IS AID

College Will Probably Be Forced to Arrange for Additional Quarters for Men.

It is now a certainty that the attendance at Alma college, when the institution opens October 2, will be the greatest that has ever been enjoyed at the Presbyterian college, with about the same number of young women as in former years being present and a far greater number of young men.

Applications are being made rapidly by young men for entrance into the college since the announcement of the plans of the war department in connection with Alma college, and it is certain that Pioneer Hall will be filled to the limit and it is expected that arrangements will have to be made for further quarters for college men. Under the requirements of the war department forty-five square feet of floor is needed for each student soldier at the college, and this makes it possible to place 118 men in Pioneer Hall.

Plans have not been thoroughly worked out for the housing of additional men and at the present time there is considerable talk of taking care of them in three ways. One plan is to use the museum of the college for a temporary hall for the men. This will call for the removal of the exhibits in the museum to the basement of the building. A second plan is to fix up the old gymnasium for a temporary hall, while the third plan calls for the erection of a new structure, which will in time become the first unit of the dormitory plan which has been adopted for the college in the future and which is known as the Oxford unit plan. As it is planned to construct such a unit in the near future, when demand for it was felt, it is very possible that such a course will be adopted, especially in view of the fact that it has as its object the carrying out of the plans of the war department, and the fact that it would become a permanent structure of the college plant.

In an interview yesterday President Crooks was asked about the admission to college of men who had not quite completed their high school work, and it was made plain that the war department demands that only men who have completed their high school course be taken. In talking about the admission of men over twenty-one, he said that the department had made no ruling covering that ground.

He stated that about fourteen hours of college work would be given the members of the student army corps, and that three hours of this would be the aims of the war, which these men must take. This course will be in charge of Dean James E. Mitchell. The other course so far as possible will be taught from a war view point, to make the course more valuable to the student soldiers.

A record reporter then asked if athletics would be continued, and it was stated that the war department had gone on record as favoring athletics, and that in view of this fact the college now expected to continue athletics. It is a well-known fact that the college athletes in the service are forgoing to the front, and this is probably one of the reasons why the war department favors their being continued.

President Crooks also stated that one hundred and twenty-two French girls were being sent to this country to be educated in American colleges, and that two hundred and fifty colleges applied for one of these girls to educate. He stated that Alma college was one of the colleges to get one of these young ladies. The traveling expenses of the French girls are being borne by the French government, while their college expenses are taken care of by friends of the colleges, which the girls will attend.

President Crooks also announced yesterday that Herbert H. Dove, the head of the Dove Chemical company at Midland, had been secured to give the opening address at college this year.

AN EDUCATIONAL MEASURE

The Board of Education of Grand Rapids has decided that discussion of the woman suffrage amendment to be submitted November 5th is an educational matter. That it is not political and therefore all school houses can be used for meetings to present the merits of votes for Michigan women. This action of the Grand Rapids school board will be followed in many other districts. Voters are entitled to information. The decision of the court which pronounced the proposed beer and wine amendment unconstitutional leaves the woman suffrage amendment the only question before the electors, save that of voting for candidates for office.

MEETING ROOM

Bank Arranges Room for Meetings With Good Seating Capacity.

The directors of the Alma State Savings bank have seen the need of a small place of meeting, in which patriotic and business meetings might be held by people of the city or farmers from the surrounding district and have arranged for such a place over the bank, which can be secured free of charge for such meetings.

The room has been redecorated for the purpose, and sixty of the seats which were formerly used in Wright opera house have been placed in the room. A table is also to be placed in the room for the convenience of those who use it.

Mr. Adams of the bank stated yesterday that the room would be available for the public use by the first of the week and that the key could be obtained at the bank.

CHARTER GIVES OFFICIALS' POWERS

Have Initiative, Referendum and Recall in City Under Proposed New Charter.

An attempt will be made this week to discuss the initiative, referendum and recall, which are taken up in chapter 12 of the proposed charter and chapter thirteen to such extent as it deals with the mayor and clerk.

To propose a new ordinance by means of the initiative ten per cent of the qualified electors of the city at the last election, must have signed a petition for the ordinance, which may be to the council to pass the ordinance or submit it to a vote of the electors. It must be filed with the city clerk.

If upon examination the city clerk finds that there are a sufficient signers to the petition the city commission shall within sixty days after it has been filed, pass the ordinance without alteration, subject to the referendum, or call a special election, except when another city or general election comes within ninety days, to submit the proposed ordinance to a vote of the electors. Only one such election may be held in any one year.

It is also provided that the city commission may submit a proposition to the electors for the repeal or amendment of any ordinance so adopted. It is provided that an ordinance adopted by the electors cannot be repealed or amended except by the vote of the electors.

It is provided that if at any time after the passage of an ordinance by the city commission, and prior to its taking effect, a petition signed by at least fifteen per cent of the voters at the last city election is filed with the clerk, protesting against the enactment of such ordinance, it shall not become operative until acted upon by the commission or submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the city.

The city commission is given the power to submit any ordinance, contract or measure to the voters for approval or rejection at any general city election. It also provides that in case provisions of two or more proposed ordinances conflict, that the measure receiving the highest affirmative vote shall be the one adopted. The removal of the elective officers of the city, is provided for by the proposed charter, from Act 325 of the Public Acts of 1913, which provides for the removal of officials and the filling of the vacancies.

Under chapter thirteen the duties of the officials are set forth, that of the mayor being the first taken up. It provides that he shall be the chief executive officer of the city, and that he shall preside at the meetings of the city commission, and from time to time give the commission information concerning city affairs, recommend such measures as he may deem wise, and see that ordinances, etc., are enforced. He is required to sign all warrants for the paying of all money, authorized to be paid by the city commission. He shall with the city clerk, execute in behalf of the city all written instruments of every character. It is his duty to inspect the books, etc., of the city officials, and perform such duties as are required of him by the commission. The commission is required to select one of their number to act as vice-mayor, when he is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office.

The city clerk is required to keep the corporate seal, and have charge of all papers filed in or pertaining to the city, when not entrusted to some other officer by the charter. He shall issue all licenses, when authorized, etc.

He will be the general accountant of the city and all claims against the city shall be filed with him for adjustment. He is required to report these to the commission, which shall order payment from the proper sources. It provides that he shall exercise the powers of the township clerk so far as same are to be performed within the city. He is required to take charge of ballot boxes, ballots and other property pertaining to elections.

It is provided that the city clerk shall have charge of all books, vouchers, documents, etc., relating to accounts, contracts, debts and revenues of the city, shall sign all bonds issued, keep a list of all property and effects

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MASONIC HALL WAS DEDICATED

Grand Lodge Officers of State Had Charge of Dedication of New Place.

HAVE BIG SERVICE FLAG

Thirty-Six Stars Including One of Gold, in Masons' New Banner.

The new quarters of the Alma Masons were formally dedicated on Tuesday afternoon, at which time there was the largest gathering of Masons in Alma, since the dedication of the Michigan Masonic Home, present, either to take part in the exercises or to witness them.

The new quarters were dedicated by the grand lodge officers of the state, nearly all of whom were present, including Most Worshipful Grand Master Hugh McPherson of Howell, Deputy Grand Master George L. Lusk of Lansing, Senior Grand Warden Ira A. Beck of Battle Creek, Grand Secretary Lou B. Winsor of Reed City, Grand Marshal Ben C. Henderson of Standish, Grand Lecturer Frank O. Gilbert of Bay City and Grand Chaplain Rev. Gallagher of Caro.

The dedicatory exercises for the new hall were in charge of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Hugh McPherson, who was assisted by the other officers of the Grand Lodge, that beautiful ritual of the Masons holding the close attention of those present.

Following the exercises the Masonic Service flag of the local lodge was dedicated, Rev. J. Frank Jackson of this city, making the dedicatory address. The service flag contained thirty stars, and there are six more to be added, including a gold star for Sgt. Harry Leonard, recently killed in action.

When these exercises had been completed supper was served in the dining room, over five hundred being served during the course of the evening. In the evening the regular third degree of the lodge was taken up, M. Ray Kimball being the first man to take his third degree in the new quarters.

Life membership certificates were presented to four Alma Masons who have been members of the lodge for over forty years. These were Simon Messinger, Samuel Wilcox, John F. Schwartz and Walter Mallory.

The Masonic lodges from Ithaca, North Star and Shepherd attended the exercises as did a number of Masons from other places.

The new quarters of the Masons consist of six rooms, located in the Opera House block, in which was formerly the opera house. The auditorium of the old opera house is finished up and is used as the lodge room, where the work of the lodge takes place. The old stage has been torn out, and two reception rooms replace it, one being for the ladies and one for the men. A room has been added above the reception rooms which is used as the club room for the lodge.

The dining room, and kitchen are located where the dressing rooms and property room of the opera house were formerly located. All of the rooms of the new quarters are very tastefully decorated in every particular. Particular attention has been paid to securing the proper color tones in all of the rooms in the decorating and hangings, making a very pretty effect.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

County Democrats Held Convention at Ithaca on Monday of This Week.

The Democrats of Gratiot county held their convention Monday at Ithaca, at which time they elected fourteen delegates to the state convention to be held in Detroit, September 25, and passed resolutions supporting the administration, the war, and Henry Ford.

The delegates to the state convention in the order in which they were elected follow: C. M. Brown, H. A. McLaren, W. A. Brunner, Roy Cushman, Chas. Eagan, William Carroll, V. P. Cash, Geo. Houseman, John Burns, Arthur Stetler, A. E. Isham, Fred Bradford, Jas. Anstey and W. C. Sullivan.

The resolution passed by the Democrats pledge the heartiest of support to the vigorous prosecution of the war, and to the administration. They congratulate the voters of the county on the county, legislative, congressional and state tickets that are to be voted and which are to be offered by the Democrats.

Finally the resolutions end with a high praise for Henry Ford, and take the rap at Newberry, the nominee of the Republicans of Michigan, which were to be expected.

CLOSED TODAY

The Republic Motor Truck Company Incorporated, was closed today to give the men of the factory that come in the draft age, every opportunity to register with the draft boards. The offices operated for a half day, while the factories proper were closed all day.

GOOD POSITIONS

O. W. Hayes and H. F. Harris are Promoted at Republic Factory.

Announcements have been made of three important changes at the Republic Motor Truck Co. Inc., with a view of greater production, better efficiency and better salesmanship.

O. W. Hayes, who has been with the Republic almost since its inception, and who of late months has had charge of the production at the military plant, has been appointed as production manager of all of the plants of the Republic. The appointment comes to Mr. Hayes as a result of his success as superintendent of the military plant.

H. F. Harris, who has been with the Republic for a number of months and has had a marked success in his department, has been made sales manager for the company. The appointment of Mr. Harris as sales manager was made public Monday.

J. W. Wilson, who has been the head of the technical department for months has been appointed factory superintendent, and is directly responsible to Mr. Hayes for the factory operations.

Attorney John Matthews of Ithaca was in the city on business Monday.

WOMEN CHAINED TO GUNS OF HUNS

Guy Gongwer in Front Line Trenches Tells of Experiences That He Has Had.

Private Guy Gongwer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gongwer of this city, who is now in France serving with the Rainbow division, a portion of which is the old Michigan National Guard, has written a most interesting letter to his mother, which The Record is glad to have the opportunity to publish.

The letter tells of German women fighting side by side with the men, of the Americans capturing German soldiers and women chained to the guns which they were using, and of some of the practices of the Germans. The letter follows:

"Dear mother:—

"I am still all o. k. and on the job. We have had a pretty tough job on our hands, but as you probably know by now, the Boche has been getting it very hard and is still going back towards home. The Americans have certainly been doing some wonderful fighting and the Germans can't possibly do anything but retreat. It kept us all busy trying to keep up with them and for awhile I thought we never would see them.

"I am now beginning to believe the stories I have heard of the way they do some things. I saw one man with a Red Cross on his arm that had been shot, but in his hand he still was cringing a lot of machine gun ammunition. I have heard the stories so many times, but now when we see them ourselves, we know them to be a fact.

"Our infantry has found women running machine guns and about half of them are chained to the guns so they can't get away, but must stay where they are.

"It certainly is an awful war, and the more one sees of it the more disgusted he feels toward Germany. Our men have no love for them any more and it is little wonder.

"I have not been able to write to you for quite awhile now, for we have been on the move almost continuously for the last few weeks. It has been raining and is very muddy and disagreeable.

"We are very nicely located now in an old farm house and are out of the rain, but there is no telling when we will have to move on again. I hope that it will not be soon for it is a good place for our aid station and we are out of the rain and mud.

"Our artillery is very lucky as yet, but we have been helping out the infantry because it has so much to do. The wounded are not coming in so fast today, so it is a little more quiet and peaceful.

"Some think that the Germans are about all in and I certainly hope they are so this thing will end and we can come back home again. It surely can't last a great while longer the way they are being driven back. Their losses must be very heavy. We have seen lots of dead Germans in our advance, that they do not have time to bury and they are not a very pleasant sight either. But we must get used to it and take it as it comes. It is some experience anyway.

"Must quit now and go to dinner. My appetite is still good and you had better have a good stock on hand when the star boarder arrives.

"Guy."

"Wednesday a. m.—The war is still going on same as ever this a. m. They shelled us some last night but all came through in fine shape. The war is much the worst part of this, but I guess we give them as much as they send us and then some. I saw a German prisoner brought in this morning. They all seem very glad to be taken, but I notice that there are few being brought back. They should not bring back any, the way they do things on their side, some things that are very hard to believe.

"Guy."

—Lick a War Savings Stamp and help take a lick at the Kaiser.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Was Held at Ithaca Tuesday and Delegates Selected to Go to Grand Rapids.

NATION WIDE PROHIBITION

Woman Suffrage and Dryness Endorsed as Were Leading Candidates on Ticket.

Like every other Republican county convention in the state Tuesday the Gratiot county Republican convention went on record for Truman H. Newberry for United States senator, the Detroit drawing a strong endorsement from the Gratiot Republicans.

The Gratiot Republicans went further than most county conventions, further than did the Democrats in their county convention, by writing into their resolutions a strong endorsement for woman suffrage, which cannot be but highly pleasing to the ladies of the county, as well as being a big credit to those farsighted Republican leaders of the county, who directed the move for the endorsement.

Another noteworthy act of the Republicans of Gratiot county, which stamps them as being right behind the government in its war work, and staunchly supporting those great measures for the betterment of the country, was the endorsement which was written into the resolutions for nation-wide prohibition. It was an endorsement by men who, having lived under prohibition rule for years in this county, know its value and who believe thoroughly that it is needed the country over.

The Hon. Joseph F. Fordney of Saginaw, minority leader of the Ways and Means committee in the House, and the man to write the next Republican tariff law, was strongly endorsed by the Gratiot Republicans, who have never failed to give him a rousing majority in this county.

Aaron Anson for the state senate and Harry Roe for the lower house of the legislature, were also given strong endorsements which are certain to aid their campaigns.

The convention was called to order by County Chairman C. J. Chambers who was elected temporary chairman. Gaylord Nelson was made temporary secretary. The following committees were appointed:

Permanent Organization and Order of Business—C. F. Brown, Seth Curtis, Otto Sanderhoff.

Credentials—A. P. Cook, S. A. Daniel, W. C. Folkert.

Resolutions—G. W. Giddings, L. A. Sharp, O. L. Smith.

Adjourned until 1 p. m. On reassembling the committee on Permanent Organization and Order of Business reported as follows:

Ithaca, Mich., Sept. 10, 1918. Gentlemen of the Convention:

Your committee on Permanent Organization and Order of Business beg leave to report the following:

1. That the temporary organization be made permanent.

2. The report of the Committee on Credentials.

3. The selection of fourteen delegates to the State convention.

4. The selection of a County Committee.

5. Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

C. F. Brown, S. J. Curtis, Otto Sanderhoff.

The committee on Credentials then reported showing most of the townships well represented.

Alf Crawford and C. D. Wiles were appointed tellers and the permanent officers sworn in by M. R. Salter.

Delegation to State Convention

O. L. Smith, Ithaca; Dr. A. R. Wheeler, St. Louis; Francis King, Alma; Alf Crawford, Breckenridge; Ed Burch, Lafayette; W. O. Watson, Breckenridge; W. T. Hill, North Star; Ezra L. Smith, Alma; W. W. McCall, Ithaca; Joseph Sartor Jr., Alma; Novel Smith, St. Louis; C. F. Brown, Alma; C. J. Chambers, Ithaca; Harry Willard, Alma.

Under the primary law the chairman of the county committee is selected by the candidates but the members from the various cities and townships are selected by the County convention. The following members were chosen:

County Committee—Alma, C. F. Brown, Alma; Arcadia, Melvin Sharar, Alma; Bethany, Albert Colthrop, St. Louis; Elba, A. F. Ryder, Bannister; Emerson, Ernest Muscott, Breckenridge; Fulton, I. S. Seaver, Pompey; Hamilton, I. G. Hull, Ithaca; Ithaca, M. R. Salter, Ithaca; Lafayette, E. M. Becker, Wheeler; Newark, Everett Mulholland, Ithaca; New Haven, Lee Townsend, Sumner; North Star, Thos. Hamilton, Ithaca; Pine River, Ed. Sias, Forest Hill; St. Louis, A. R. Wheeler, St. Louis; Seville, Marlin Slingluff, Elwell; Sumner, Sidney Evey, Sumner; Washington, Henry English, Ashley; Wheeler, Alf. Crawford, Breckenridge.

On motion of Dr. A. R. Wheeler, W. O. Watson was elected treasurer.

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